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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 4, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply in Response to Office Action mailed May 4, 2004; and
2. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 5568/1020. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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